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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2008. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period originally set in the Office Action expired on March 11, 2009, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two (2) months to expire on May 11, 2009. Applicants file herewith a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee therefor. If the Office deems any additional fee due for consideration of this Response, Applicants expressly authorize the Office to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendment and remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.